

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 27, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are pending and Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2003, the Advisory Action indicates that the Applicant's previous amendment dated November 13, 2003 was not entered because it raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The Advisory Action also indicates that the previous rejections are maintained for the reasons of record, and that Applicant's arguments that Saitoh et al. (US 5,870,224) does not teach a film with adhesive on one side are not persuasive in view of Saitoh et al. at column 4, lines 15-55, Figure 11, and column 5, lines 43-64.

Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) so that Applicant's previous amendment will be entered. The Applicant also submits this further amendment to more clearly define the claimed invention.

The positive type ultraviolet sensitive agent (adhesive agent) 1110 disclosed by Saitoh et al. corresponds to the base sheet 1 of the present invention. The layer 1110 has adhesiveness on both sides unless exposed by U.V. The material of the layer 1110 is a positive type ultraviolet sensitive agent, and it essentially has adhesiveness by itself.

On the contrary, the base sheet 1 of the present invention itself has no adhesiveness (see claim 5: the material of the base sheet is an acrylic resin, or see page 1, lines 12-13: a base sheet made of an acrylic material). Therefore, a synthetic resin made protection film 2 having formed on its one-surface side an adhesive agent layer 3 is pasted or adhered to both surfaces of the base sheet 1 (see page 2, lines 5-9).

The part of the positive type ultraviolet sensitive agent (adhesive agent) 1110 disclosed by Saitoh et al. that is exposed by U.V. will lose its adhesiveness by UV cure, while the part of the layer 1110 that is not exposed by U.V. will maintain its adhesiveness (see FIG. 13 of U.S. 5,870,224).

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On the contrary, the adhesiveness of the adhesive agent layer 3 in the present invention will not be lost even it is exposed with U.V.

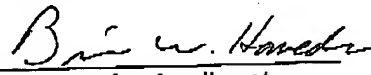
The exfoliation film 7 disclosed by Saitoh et al. corresponds to the protection film 2 of the present invention. In Saitoh et al. the exfoliation film 7 is separated from the positive type ultraviolet sensitive agent (adhesive agent) 1110 at the U.V. radiation side when U.V. is exposed. (see FIG. 12 and 13 of U.S. 5,870,224). On the other hand, the protection film 2 of the present invention remains at the radiation side on the base sheet 1 when U.V. is exposed (see FIG. 3 of the present application). For this reason, the transmittance of the protection film 2 is defined in claim 1.

In the present invention the adhesive layer 3 can be separated with the synthetic resin made protection film 2 from the base sheet 1. This structure is not disclosed in Saitoh et al.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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